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concerning

the scientific works and scientific achievements of Dr. Bozhil Stefanov Robev, MD

Head of the Medical Oncology Department at UMBAL St. Ivan Rilski, EAD Sofia

for participation in an open competition for the academic position Associate Professor, one place,

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Pursuant **Order No. 3-109-259, city of Varna dated June 23, 2022** by prof. Dr. Valentin Ignatov, MD - Rector of the Medical University Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov - Varna, concerning the publication in SG, No. 32/26.04.2022 Open competition for academic appointment of Associate Professor and pursuant report with reference No. 102-1406/07.06.2022 by Associate Professor Eleonora Dimitrova-Gospodinova, MD, head of the Oncology Department and decision on Minutes No. 67/20.06.2022 of the Faculty Council of Faculty Medicine, pursuant Art. 4, paras 1 and 2 of the Academic Staff Growth in Republic of Bulgaria Act (ZRASRB), Art. 57, paras. 1 and 2 of the Rules for Application of ZRASRB, Art. 6, para 1; Art. 127, paras 1 and 2 of the Rules for Academic Staff Growth in the Medical University – Varna and following meeting of the Academic Jury with Minutes No. 1 dated July 06, 2022, I was nominated as member of the Academic Jury responsible to produce and Academic Reference for the open competition for Associate Professor - one post in professional field 7.1 Medicine and specialty Medical Oncology.

Only one candidate is admitted to the competition - Dr. Bozhil Stefanov Robev, MD, Head of the Department of Medical Oncology at UMBAL St. Ivan Rilski, EAD - Sofia.

The candidate has submitted all the required documents for the competition:

Order of the Rector of the Medical University - Varna; Academic Jury Meeting Minutes; Application to the Rector of the Medical University - Varna; Copy of a diploma for higher

education; Copy of a diploma awarded General Practitioner Doctor; Diplomas for awarded specialties; Author abstract of doctoral dissertation; Habilitation thesis; List of publications in scientific journals; Published chapters of collective monographs; Academic reference for publications and citations certified in the Medical University Library in Varna; Reference for contributions to scientific studies; List of publications and participation in scientific congresses and conferences; Summaries of monographs and scientific works in Bulgarian and English.

Candidate Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Bozil Robev graduated in Medicine in 1993 at the Higher Institute in Medicine - Stara Zagora with summae cum laude. Until 1997 he worked in the Ivan Seliminski Regional Hospital for General Treatment Emergency Department in the city of Sliven. From 1997 to 1999 he specialized in pediatrics. From 1999 to 2003, he worked as a pediatrician at the Hospital for Active Treatment - Third City Hospital in the city of Sofia, and from 2003 to 2005 he was a pneumophthisiatrist at the Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment of Lung Diseases in the city of Sliven. In 2005, he joined the Chemotherapy Department of the City Oncology Clinic in Sofia-city as a resident physician. He specialized further in medical oncology from 2009 to 2014 in SHATO, city of Sofia, and is awarded the medical specialty. From 2015 to 2017 he was appointed in Department Medical Oncology in the UMBAL St. Ivan Rilski", and from 2017 to 2019 - resident physician in the same department. In October 2019, he headed again the Department of Medical Oncology after winning the open competition. Dr. Robev is a regular participant in numerous national, regional and international forums in the field of medical oncology. Since August 2019 he is awarded the scientific research degree Doctor in Medicine, with passed dissertation study in the Medical University - Sofia, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. His dissertation topic is: *A comparative clinical study of combined chemotherapy effect with cisplatin on the plasma antioxidant capacity of patients with lung carcinoma*. Dr. Bozil Robev scientific interests focus in the fields of oncopharmacology, oncogenetics, neuroendocrine tumors and tumors of the genitourinary system.

Eligibility documents for the open competition

Scientific metrology indicators

For eligibility to the competition for the academic position of Associate Professor, Dr. Bozhil Stefanov Robev, MD, presents the following **academic references**:

1.	Dissertation for award of scientific research degree Doctor in Medicine	50 points
2.	Habilitation work - Monograph	100 points
3.	Publications and reports published in refereed scientific journals	6 articles – 109, 32 points of which with journal impact factor – total 5.55

4.	Publications and reports published in non-refereed scientific journals	12 publications 183, 50 points
5.	Participation in collective monograph	1.3 points
Total indicators collected - 294.12 points with a mandatory minimum of 200 points.		
6.	Citations – 8 out of 8 articles, out of which three with impact factor.	A total of 120 points, of which the cited impact factor is a total of 5.35.

Authored as single researcher 5 articles, listed first author in 4, second author in 4, and as third and subsequent author in 7 studies.

The presented scientometric indicators cover the requirements for eligibility at academic position Associate Professor.

Dr. Bozil Robev is a well-known specialist with high professionalism and comprehensive, updated knowledge in various fields of tumor pathology both in theoretical and practical aspects. His almost twenty years of experience as an oncologist place him at the forefront of most introduced new strategies and approaches in oncological diseases treatments, marking the achievements of modern oncology.

I have personally known Dr. Robev since our student years and during his medical specializations. Even back then he made his marks with his interests in medical oncology and demonstrated great personal will to become an oncologist. Later, it became his vocation. Dr. Robev scientific pursuits are diverse but he focuses mostly in the field of diagnosis and treatment of neuroendocrine tumors, lung cancer, prostate carcinoma, and urogenital tumors - areas that are also subjects of his scientific publications. His scientific works are distributed in the following fields - experimental oncology, clinical oncology, oncopharmacology, and neuroendocrine tumors. His scientific studies are of clinical-applied nature and with original scientific contributions. As far as his scientific contribution in the field of neuroendocrine tumors of the gastrointestinal tract, bronchial and thymic (in collaboration with Prof. Dr. Sonya Sergieva, PhD) - it is significant, with publications both in the country and abroad, as well as participation with posters and presentations at authoritative international congresses.

I would like to note his recently published monograph: *Neuroendocrine tumors of the gastrointestinal tract* - 2021, which has all the qualities of a habilitation work, as his personal and individual effort as author and being the first guide of this kind in Republic of Bulgaria, covering the etiology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of neuroendocrine tumors.

During his many years of experience, Dr. Robev has participated in a considerable number of clinical studies in the field of palliative care, lung carcinoma, colorectal carcinoma

and urogenital neoplasia. He participated in a joint study in Republic of Bulgaria and Germany on the antineoplastic potential of curcumin. He presented a collaborative review of the clondronate application for prevention of bone metastasis and complications of bone metastasis in patients with breast cancer.

The Department of Medical Oncology at UMBAL St. Ivan Rilski headed by Dr. Robev is a team of authoritative specialists. Dr. Bozhil Robev is the major contributor for such reputation. As evidence I would quote the leading place the department occupies in the oncology network in the country.

The team of UMBAL St. Ivan Rilski boasts significant number of doctors trained as specialists in medical oncology and other specialties, with training in medical oncology.

Dr. Robev is the Chairman of the Expert Council on Medical Oncology at the Ministry of Public Health and as such has made an outstanding contribution to the establishment of modern European standards of drug treatment in medical oncology, to the improvement of the quality of therapeutic and complex care for patients and the working conditions of doctors - medical oncologists and support staff.

With the present **ACADEMIC REFERENCE**, I provide high appreciation of both the scientific and medical achievements of Dr. Bozhil Robev, and I am convinced that the department headed by him will soon provide the grounds for creation of a leading clinic in Medical Oncology within the UMBAL St. Ivan Rilski.

Based on all the merits and contributions of Dr. Bozhil Stefanov Robev, MD, Head of the Department of Medical Oncology at UMBAL St. Ivan Rilski, I do consider that he is in possession of all qualities and meets all the criteria for awarding the academic degree of Associate Professor. Therefore, with complete conviction, I recommend that the Honorable Academic Jury vote to award this academic degree to Dr. Bozil Robev.

Date: August 08, 2022.

city of Sofia

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Undersigned KALIN DIMITROV TODOROV, in my capacity of certified translator, do certify that the present document is accurately translated by me from Bulgarian into English. The translation is 4 (say: four) pages long. Certified true translator:

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